

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations. *The Word of the Lord.*

Ps: Luke 1:46-50.53-54

[R]: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8.19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. *The Gospel of the Lord.*



The Reminder

Sunday 11th December 2011
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year B

Holy Souls' Presbytery
Frodingham Road
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Holy Souls' Catholic Church

Mass Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 10th December 2011 <i>Blessed Martyrs of Lincolnshire</i>	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am English 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	- Hetty McCaul RIP Betty Wolkowski RIP Dennis Bowman RIP
Sunday 11th December 2011 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Hynes Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Monday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Alice Burton RIP
Tuesday <i>St Lucy</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Thomas Riley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>St John of The Cross</i>	12 noon	Special Intention
Thursday <i>Advent Feria</i>	No 9.00 am Mass 9.30 am Polish	- Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Ann Marron RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 17th December 2011 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Philomena Fowler-Sennett RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Hetty McCaul RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 18th December 2011 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Emerson & Maloney Families Polish Priest's Intentions E Sarmiento & Borromeo Fam RIP
Rosary	<i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Friday</i> <i>Saturday after 10.30 am Mass</i>	
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon; 4.30 pm-5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction</i> <i>Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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Welcome

Welcome to any visitors this weekend. Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass.

Baptism of Adults

On Sunday morning Lisa Sela will be enrolled as a Catechumen (Adult Candidate for Baptism). Lisa is following the RCIA Programme at St Bernadette's but she will hopefully be baptised at Holy Souls at Easter. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Lithuanian Mass

We welcome Fr Donatas Klimasauskas, who is travelling from Manchester, to celebrate Mass in Lithuanian this Sunday afternoon at 3 pm.

Sick and Housebound

Fr Eddy would like to visit sick and housebound parishioners during Advent. If you are aware of anyone who would particularly welcome such a visit please let him know in good time.

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

A new course for existing Parish Catechists, or those who would like to learn more about being one, will take place on Wednesday evenings in Lincoln from January, or on Saturdays in Spalding from April. For further details see poster. If you are interested in doing this course please speak to Fr Eddy.

Carol Service

Next Saturday 17 December at 3pm. A chance to recall the events of the first Christmas through carols, readings, and prayer followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the Hall. All ages welcome. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbours to join us.

Post Confirmation Retreat at The Briars

Thanks to those who have already committed to this; however we still need more people to make this viable. If we do not have names and deposits by the end of this week then we will have to cancel. Please see Fr Eddy after Mass this weekend or at St Bede's School on Monday morning.

Addresses

For your Christmas Card list:
Father John Cahill, St Peter's Church, 21 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TA
Father Michael Moore, The Presbytery, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3HN

Second Collection

Will be taken up this weekend for the New and Poor Parishes Fund. A second collection will be taken up at next weekend for the Christmas Flowers.

Christmas Mailing

Many households should have received a letter from Fr Eddy this week giving details of our Christmas Mass times. If you have not received such a letter you can pick one up from the back of Church; it also includes a census form to help update our parish database. Also available at the back of Church are postcards with Christmas Mass times. Please feel free to take as many as you can distribute to family, friends and neighbours.

The Forge Project

A local Charity helping vulnerable people in our town. Can we help provide them with any of the following items: Bags of sugar, canned meat, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, black bin bags. Any unwanted sleeping bags, jumpers, jeans; they will put them to good use? Also, how about wrapping up a small gift (chocolate, socks, toiletries) that can be given to someone on Christmas Day. We will have a box at the back of Church for your donations.

Home from University

If you know of parishioners who will be home from university over the Christmas vacation please let Fr Eddy have their name and address as he would like to invite them to an infor-

mal social gathering early in the new year.

Continuing the Conversation, Planning for the Future

It is now almost two weeks since the Centenary Mass and in another couple of weeks we will have celebrated Christmas. It will then be the time to resume the conversation that we began at our Parish Meeting back in October. I propose that we meet again on Monday 23rd January at 7 pm. We can review the Centenary Mass and Christmas and consider further plans for our Centenary year. We can also look more closely at the document from the Bishop, 'Living Stones'. On Wednesday 25th January there will be an open Deanery Meeting which we are hosting at Holy Souls. This will consider how, as a Deanery, we can respond to 'Living Stones' and how we can work more closely together. I would hope firstly that many parishioners will make an effort to be present on 23rd January, and secondly that from that meeting on the 23rd a group of parishioners can be nominated to represent the parish at the Deanery Meeting on the 25th. I am giving these dates now so that people can enter them into their diaries in good time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next week there will be opportunities for Confession as follows:

Tuesday 20th December - 7 pm

Deanery Penitential Service at St Bernadette's.

All Deanery priests will be present.

Wednesday 21st December - 7 to 8 pm

Fr Eddy and Fr Wlodek will be hearing Confessions at Holy Souls

Saturday 24th December.

Normal Saturday morning Confessions (11 am to 12 noon); no Confessions in the afternoon